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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	David S. Sumida et al.	)	Examiner:	Sung H. Pak
Serial No.:	09/894,347	)	Art Unit:	2874
Filed:	June 28, 2001	)	Our Ref:	B-4034 618348-2
For:	"GUIDED MODE LASER APPARATUS WITH IMPROVED CLADDING STRUCTURE AND A METHOD OF FABRICATING THEREOF"	)	Date:	November 19, 2003
		)	Re:	<b><i>Amendment and Response</i></b>

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on June 19, 2003, an initial response to which is due no later than **September 19, 2003**, Applicants submit this paper together with a petition for a two month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) and a check in the amount of \$410.00 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R.1.17(a)(2). Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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